

NEW SUPERVISORS MEET MONDAY JAN. 2 AT CITY HALL

Prof. J. D. Smith and Mr. Race Dipple Are New Members.

Will Apportion Money to Paducah Schools.

OBSERVE CHRISTMAS MONDAY.

Monday, January 2, a new board of supervisors will meet at the city hall and begin consideration of the tax assessment. The board will be composed of George Emery, member of the present board and one of the block map commissioners, Prof. John D. Smith, expert accountant, and Race Dipple, a well known citizen and a good judge of real estate values. The board will succeed Messrs. Eli G. Boone, James Glauber and George Emery.

The Money for the School Board.
With no intention to avoid payment of the \$2,000 promised the schools at the beginning of the year, but in fulfillment of that promise with some \$2,000 thrown in for good measure, is the plan of the general council to enact a special apportionment ordinance, pro-rating to the public schools 25-185 of all the money collected above the \$26,000 apportioned to the schools at the beginning of the year.

That is the position taken by the members of the general council, who say that when the \$10,000 sinking fund for the island creek bridge, and payment for the new lighting plant engine and the new city stable are provided for, there will be no surplus of city funds, and the promise, which was made, contingent upon there being a surplus, will be null and void.

In a suit now pending in the circuit court, the schools contend that they are entitled to all the money collected by the city under the tax levy of 35 cents for the schools, while the city collector contends that the apportionment ordinance governs.

The amount of money collected this year for school purposes exceeds by about \$5,000 the amount originally apportioned and though the money was collected from the taxpayers for school purposes the city collector maintains that it does not belong to the schools. However, he proposed that the city general council enact a supplemental apportionment ordinance, appropriating to the schools a pro rata of all the surplus in excess of the original apportionment, and was instructed to bring in such an ordinance.

Celebrate Monday.
As Christmas falls on Sunday this year, Monday will be the day for the official observance of the visit of King Kringle. In business Monday will be the day that will be observed, and the majority of the business houses will be closed. The banks and all the city and county buildings will be closed all day. The Illinois Central shops will have a holiday, and there will be only one delivery of mail, although the mail clerks will have plenty of work to perform. The Evening Sun will suspend publication on that day, according to custom.

PROFESSIONAL HORSE THIEF TRAILED BY DOGS

Trailed by bloodhounds from Paris to Puryear, Tenn. Will Lewis, colored, a professional horse thief well known to the Paducah police was arrested yesterday in Mayfield. Lewis is accused of the theft of two mules and one horse, all fine stock, and the burning of a large stock barn to conceal the crime. Lewis once was sent to the Eddyville penitentiary for five years for the theft of a cow by a McCracken county jury, while he also served a term from Graves county for stealing a horse. Early Sunday morning the large stock barn of J. M. Atkins at Paris, Tenn., was discovered on fire. It was burning fiercely before it was discovered and 14 out of 17 horses and mules were burned to death together with the destruction of 300 bales of hay and 200 bushels of corn. It was suspected that robbery was a motive for the fire, and bloodhounds were secured and Lewis was trailed to Puryear, where a description of him was secured, and warnings were sent out.

—Mrs. John Zellars, of South Ninth street, is seriously ill from pneumonia.

Two Hundred and Fifty Miners Are Believed to be Killed In English Explosion—Big Fire at Cincinnati

One Fireman and One Spectator Killed and Ten Firemen Injured While Attempting to Stay Flames.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 21.—Two hundred and fifty coal miners are believed to be dead today, following an explosion and fire that wrecked the Pretoria Mine of the Hulton company, near Leigh, 25 miles northeast of Liverpool.

The cause of the explosion at 8 o'clock today is unknown. Approximately 300 were in the mine. Fire broke out, adding peril to rescue work. The shaft is choked with wreckage, barring rescuers and destroying the ventilating apparatus.

The rescuers finally entered through an adjoining mine, but the flames prevented their progress.

NO INDICTMENTS FOUND BY TEXAS GRAND JURY

Rock Springs, Texas, Dec. 21.—A grand jury investigating the lynching of Antonio Rodriguez, a Mexican, was discharged today without its having fixed the responsibility. No indictments were returned.

MARKHAM BECOMES HEAD OF I. C.

HARAHAN RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE—ELECTION TODAY.

New York, Dec. 21.—Chas. A. Markham, president of the Gulf Refining company and Gulf Pipe Line company of Pittsburgh, today was elected president of the Illinois Central railroad, succeeding James T. Harahan. Harahan retires after 20 years service with the road.

Time For All Good Fellows to Chip In

Good Fellows have responded in numbers that is pleasing to those that have the work in charge, but still there are a few children and some adults who will need the assistance of a helping hand on Christmas. If any Good Fellow has delayed in sending in a statement of how many persons he will make happy this Christmas, he should do so tonight or early tomorrow.

The charity work of the city has been handicapped slightly by the solicitation of funds for charity outside the organization of the department. There is one family in the city that requested transportation out of the city from the mayor and the charity department. From investigation it was learned that the family had returned to the city.

GOOD FELLOWS are requested to fill out the following blank and mail it to The Evening Sun or the PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENT of the Woman's club, 214 South Seventh street.

I will be Santa Claus to _____ children.

I will deliver the presents to "my children" myself.

I will want the department to deliver the presents to "my children."

(Be sure to designate whether you will deliver the presents yourself.)

HALF MILLION.
New York, Dec. 21.—Reports received at the New York offices of the Red Cross indicate that more than 35,000,000 of the Christmas seals have been sold thus far this year, and reports from agents throughout the country indicate that the total for 1910 will exceed 50,000,000. The campaign against tuberculosis will therefore realize about \$500,000 from the Red Cross seals this year. This is about twice the total of last year and four times the amount realized in 1908.

SHOPPERS WILL BE PROTECTED

PATROLMEN WILL GUARD THE CHRISTMAS CROWDS DOWN TOWN.

For the safety of Christmas shoppers, Chief of Police Henry Singery will have a big squad of blue coats to patrol Broadway between First and Seventh streets Friday and Saturday nights up until 10 o'clock when the retail stores close. It will not be necessary to wear any extra men as all of the day patrolmen will be used.

In addition to the present night force of four men all of the ten day men will be assigned to Broadway, and shoppers may feel safe from thieves and pickpockets. The big force will also be a protection to merchants as well. The crowds at night so far have not been unusually large and it may not be necessary to use the day men until Christmas eve night. However, if the crowds increase they will be placed on duty Friday night.

Rebuilding Ragland School

The county school board met in regular session today at the court house. Only a small amount of business was before the trustees. Accounts were allowed, and it was reported that the work of reconstructing the Lee school near Ragland, which was destroyed by fire, is progressing rapidly.

DISTANCE RECORD IS BROKEN BY FRENCHMAN

Paris, Dec. 21.—The world's record for sustained distance flight was broken today when Paul Legagneux covered 322 miles in five hours and fifty-five minutes, without alighting. He used a Blériot machine. He wins the Michelin \$4,000 cup.

JURY FIXERS AND PROFESSIONAL WITNESSES TO GO

Committee Working on Employees' Compensation Law Makes Report.

Claim Agent and "Ambulance Chaser" de Trop.

BASIS OF DAMAGES REACHED.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—Hugh V. Mercer, chairman of the committee representing nine states to prepare an employees' compensation code, today made public the result of labors, covering several years of investigation, travel and correspondence.

The measure is designed to replace the present system of recovering damages for personal injuries incurred in industrial occupations by a code which will eliminate the company claim agent, the jury investigator, the fixable witness and the ambulance chasing personal injury lawyer. Where it is now necessary for an injured workman to bring suit at his own expense against large and wealthy employing firms, the proposed system does away with this form of litigation altogether and makes the damages resulting from industrial accidents a charge upon the industry. At present the working man not only carries the risk of contributory negligence but a still more serious risk in his helplessness to cope with the well organized legal forces of large employers.

The proposed code fixes a man's earning capacity as a basis for an adjudication of the damages he is entitled to receive. It is thought that this plan will prevent accidents, in as much as the workman himself will become interested in avoiding risks which may decrease his earning capacity. On the other hand, if accidents do occur, his right to compensation is established automatically and the amount is fixed by arbitration of a form prescribed in the code which provides for all possible features of the new system and combines many of the ideas now employed in European countries where compensation acts are effective.

The board of arbitration, according to the proposed code, shall consist of three members in every county of the state, these to be appointed by the district courts and to hold their office subject to its approval. It further provides that no person shall act as arbitrator who is related to either party in the case by blood or marriage to the second degree, or who shall have any personal interest in the matter in dispute.

Together with the main code which is mandatory in form is submitted an alternative plan which places the adoption of the compensation plan upon an elective basis.

The joint committee, which has now completed its work, is the outgrowth of movements started independently in various states. Believing that uniformity was desirable, these separate committees a year ago formed a joint conference and delegated a general committee representing all the states to draw up a satisfactory code. The states represented are New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Montana. In all of these states which have legislative sessions this winter the uniform bill be presented. It is expected to receive the endorsement both of the workers and of the employers.

They are Good Fellows

The Young Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church sent a wagon load of toys and provisions to the Philanthropic department of the Woman's club to help the Good Fellow movement.

SUBMARINE QUAKE SWAMPS STEAMER

PENSACOLA CAPTAIN IS SWEPT OVERBOARD BY TIDAL WAVE.

Pensacola, Florida, Dec. 21.—A wireless received here today from the United States Cruiser Tacoma via Key West, says that the American schooner Dorris, of Pensacola, was disabled by a submarine earthquake, and in a fierce storm was blown on the Honduran coast near Puerto Cortez. Captain Alexson was swept overboard. The vessel is a complete wreck.

Four More Defendants Acquitted of Murder of Axion Cooper Today at Eddyville by Crittenden Jury

Spunk Creekmur, Vilas Mitchell, Roy Merrick and Fred Murphy Are Given Clean Bill of Morals.

Eddyville, Ky., Dec. 21. (Special.)—Another quartet of defendants were acquitted here today of the murder of Axion Cooper at Lamasco. The men acquitted were Spunk Creekmur, Vilas Mitchell, Roy Merrick and Fred Murphy. This jury was selected from Crittenden county, and despite the dying statement of Cooper and the testimony of eye witnesses, implicating them, and the frenzied oratory of Denny P. Smith, commonwealth's attorney, the jury found them all not guilty.

The killing took place at Lamasco, the capital of Night Riderdom, at a barbecue. The state's contention was that a bogus row was started to involve Cooper in the trouble, for the purpose of killing him, because he talked too much about what he knew of the night riders. He was a tenant of Milton Oliver, who was wounded from ambush, after he had turned state's evidence.

Moving Pictures for State Wards.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 21. (Special.)—Inmates of the Western Kentucky asylum for the insane at Hopkinsville are to have a moving picture show of their own, keeping up-to-date with all the latest films.

Dr. H. P. Sights, the superintendent, has ordered an outfit, which will be installed about the first of the year. At present, besides the usual dances, the inmates have no form of amusement to divert them, and the time hangs heavily on the hands of those unfortunates possessed of mentally enough to realize their condition.

The United States is equipping a regular theater for one of the largest asylums, considering the diversion a healthful means of aiding in the restoration of those only slightly affected, and a diversion to arrest despondence and self-absorption among the others.

Dr. Sights believes the picture show will greatly benefit as well as entertain the inmates. The films, of course, will be censored and the state's wards will not, like the small boy, be tempted to crime through the power of suggestion.

RUBE WADDELL IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

HIS WIFE SAYS HE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY INTOXICATED.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Madge McGuire Waddell, the third wife of "Rube" Waddell, formerly of the St. Louis Browns, instituted suit for divorce here today. She alleges that Waddell has been intoxicated almost continuously since their marriage and has failed to support her.

Reaches Mother's Bedside.

Mr. Frank Mantz received word yesterday from Mrs. Mantz that she arrived at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Roberts, at Americus, Ga., and there was no change in Mrs. Roberts' condition. She was stricken with paralysis Saturday and Mrs. Robert Lane, a daughter, left Sunday for her bedside.

Four Days to Xmas

DEC. 21

Be Kind to
the Weary
Shopgirls.

BEVERIDGE AND FRAZIER REFUSED TO SIGN REPORT

Senate Receives Lorimer As Whitewashed and Wholly Clean Member.

Commerce Commission Urgent in Request.

FOR A PHYSICAL VALUATION.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Urgent demands for the passage of the law requiring the physical valuation of railroads is the feature of the annual report of the interstate commerce commission, submitted to congress today. The report says that no court or commission considers for a moment that the present railroad balance sheet statement, purporting to give the cost of property, suggest even in a remote degree the amount of money invested or actual value.

Lorimer Whitewashing.
Washington, Dec. 21.—The committee's report exonerating Senator Lorimer was filed in the senate this afternoon. The report finds that Lorimer's title to his seat in the senate is not disturbed by the charges of bribery and corruption, which were not proven. Beveridge, of Indiana, and Frazier, of Tennessee, declined to sign the report.

Nominations Confirmed.
The senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination of C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, and D. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin, to be members of the interstate commerce commission. The senate then adjourned at 2:02 o'clock until January 5.

Funeral of Henry Downs.
The funeral of Henry Downs, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Downs, of the Cairo road, who died yesterday was held this morning and burial was in the Palestine cemetery.

**WILL BE ALLOWED TO
GO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**
Jim Jones, an 18-year-old country boy, who was arrested a few nights ago on a charge of petit larceny and has been lying in the county jail, will be given his liberty this afternoon by County Judge Alben Barkley. He will enter a fine and suspend it on condition Jones leaves the city. It is alleged that Jones took some articles at the ten cent store.

CAPTAIN FRANK HARLAN TAKES HIS VACATION

Captain Frank Harlan, the oldest member of the police department both in age and service did not report for duty this morning for the first time in four years. But the captain visited the city hall later, drew his semi monthly check and left this afternoon for Louisville. It is vacation time for Captain Harlan who has been on duty every day for the last four years without a vacation, not because he was not entitled to it, but because he said he found as much enjoyment in being at work. As his wife and family are in Los Angeles, Cal., for the winter, he will spend Christmas with relatives in Louisville and will have a seven days' rest, which is well deserved. While Captain Harlan is away Patrolman Henley Franklin of the Fourth street and Broadway beat, is holding down the police switchboard during the daylight hours. Patrolman Herbert Doyle is on duty at Fourth street and Broadway until Captain Harlan returns.

Strike Issue Tonight

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Summoned by telegraph, Grand Chief Warren Stone, member of the advisory board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, arrived here this afternoon and they immediately went into executive session. Stone declared the question of a strike on 61 western railroads will be decided by tonight.

FIFTH VICTIM OF CHILD LABOR LAW

WALKS INTO POLICE COURT AND PAYS HIS LITTLE FINE.

For violating the state child labor law a fifth local factory was found guilty in police court this morning and fined \$5. The fine was light in accordance with those of yesterday assessed against four other plants for first offenses. The fines will be collected and turned into the school fund.

With the disposition of the case this morning only one firm remains out of the first batch of warrants procured last week by Pat Filburn, of Louisville, state labor inspector, who is still conducting his investigations in Paducah. Mr. Filburn is not overlooking anything and says there are many bad conditions detrimental to children in this city. The sixth firm will be given a hearing tomorrow morning before Police Judge Cross.

All violations so far have been a result of ignorance of the law. Mr. Filburn is taking pains to furnish all concerns with copies of the law and pamphlets explaining the sections.

THE WEATHER

The predictions for tomorrow and temperature for the past twenty-four hours will be found at the top of the seventh column on page four.

RED CROSS SEALS.

Sales of the Red Cross Christmas stamps at the station in the postoffice lobby are increasing daily. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the sale of 1,950 stamps was reported as compared with the sale of 1,852 stamps yesterday. The record was broken by the sale today, and the sale will pass the 2,000 mark. Yesterday the supply of stamps was exhausted. Today Mrs. Jacob Wallerstein was chairman of the sales and was assisted by Mrs. Rose Levy and Mrs. J. Benedict. Tomorrow Mrs. Edmund P. Noble will be in charge of the sales.

JOHNSON MEN ARE FOR CONVENTION

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT LEXINGTON TOMORROW.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—At a conference here the Johnson men determined to make a fight for a convention and nominate a candidate for governor.

The state Democratic executive committee will meet tomorrow in Louisville for the purpose of deciding the manner of selecting nominees for the state offices. Democrats from all over the state will be in attendance. Those from Paducah who will attend are: F. E. Graves, W. A. Berry, C. W. Emery, A. W. Barkley and Mott Ayres. Judge John K. Hendrick and Ollie James will be there.

SOUTHERN R. R. WINS.

Merger Case Is Decided by Columbia Jury.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 21.—Every one of the five issues of fact submitted to the jury in the Southern railway merger suit, brought by the state of South Carolina, was answered in favor of the railroad by a verdict returned at 3:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a trial lasting nearly three weeks, by a jury in the Richland county court of common pleas.